

resolution, and I also supported the bill that Senator Chambers brought to us, maybe for different reasons than others. I happen to know Dick Davis personally. I served with him on the Nebraska Arts Council and was always so impressed with him and the whole family because they worked so hard to rise above their environment and the problems that minorities are up against in a state like Nebraska in particular. So I do support the resolution and the legislation when it comes along, the amendment to 813. I also...the other people who stood up, Senator Chambers, were Democrats, so I thought you ought to have one Republican helping you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Any other discussion? Senator Chambers, would you care to close? I'm sorry, Senator Weihing.

SENATOR WEIHING: I'll add a second Republican on that. I want to say that we have a very, very fine Mexican-American group who has contributed a great deal to our society in western Nebraska. Our sugar beet industry would not be able to have survived without that group of people. They have been coming along, the second generation coming along very, very well, but we must recognize that they do not have the capital facilities, the money that many of us have to go on to higher education. I have found that these people, as they enter into higher education, those that do, do extremely well. I'm beginning to see some of them in the professions and in the businesses and I commend Senator Chambers for having this. This can do much to bring this group within the upper mobility of our society. They have much to contribute to our society whether we realize it or not. When we say we're going to help them, we must recognize that they are going to help us as a society because they have certain social features that are very good. They are very strong family people and this is one of the issues that we've been talking about greatly on this floor the past day. So I commend you, Senator Chambers, for having brought this to our attention and then having acted upon it by having a legislative resolution and a real measure to assist them through finances. I thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Chambers, a closing comment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, I wasn't going to say anything by way of close, but I want to say that Senator Crosby kind of took the wind out of me because she made a point that had escaped me, so I want to thank my